September 28, 2025

Wausau School District Board of Education,

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Charles Burger for Wausau School Board Vacancy

Dear Members of the Wausau School District Board of Education,

It is a pleasure to recommend Charles Burger to fill the current vacant seat on the Wausau School Board. Based on his long-standing and dedicated involvement in the Wausau School District community, I believe Charles possesses the broad perspective, commitment, and parental experience necessary to be an invaluable asset to the Board.

Charles's strong connection to the district has developed as a result of having his five children attend the Wausau School District. This experience has given him a unique, comprehensive understanding of the district's offerings and the varied paths students can take. He has experienced firsthand the full spectrum of educational experiences, from rigorous college preparatory programs to essential work-based learning opportunities. This diversity of perspective is critical for a board member who will be representing the needs of all students.

His commitment goes far beyond simply being a parent. Last school year, he was deservedly honored with the Friends of Education Award for his extensive contributions, particularly at Wausau West High School. Charles is a true hands-on supporter of the district, consistently demonstrating his dedication in the following ways:

- Supporting Academics: He generously donates apples to our Family and Consumer Science classes, enriching the students' practical learning experiences.
- Supporting Extra-curricular Activities: He has been a supporter of athletics through the booster clubs. His efforts have included raising money through concessions and personally renovating the Wausau West concession trailer.

For many years, Charles Burger has been an informed and active member of the public, demonstrating an interest in the long-term success of the Wausau School District. His experience as a parent who has navigated various educational paths, combined with his record of volunteerism and support, makes him an exceptionally qualified candidate.

Please consider Charles for this important role. He will bring a dedicated and experienced voice to the Board.

Sincerely,

Jeb Steckbauer

Retired Wausau West Principal